Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Gladys Violet Steensland was born July 3, 1907, to John and Nora (Larson) Steensland in Lincoln County, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Gladys was educated in rural Lincoln County, Canton Lutheran Normal School and attended The University of South Dakota; and,

Whereas, On December 27, 1942, Gladys married Virgil Swanson; and,

Whereas, Gladys taught in rural South Dakota schools for 17 years, was employed by the Civil Service Commission in Washington, D.C., and worked side-by-side with her husband on farms in the Canton and Worthing areas; and,

Whereas, Gladys moved to Sioux Falls in 1955, and now resides at the Inn on Westport; and,

Whereas, Gladys will observe her 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her family and friends gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 3, 2007, as

GLADYS SWANSON DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fifth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State